Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 05 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 06 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Saturday 05 Dec 2020 at 03:43 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for drier conditions developing during Saturday then mostly dry on Sunday and Monday. Staying cold with much lighter winds.

Headline for Saturday 05 Dec 2020: Snow showers at first in the east. Best of the sunshine in the west. Cold with winds easing down.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 05 Dec 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Clear night
Precipitation probability					
40%	30%	10%	10%	<05%	<05%

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Weather: A cloudy start with snow showers across the Trossachs and eastern Lochaber, falling as rain below around 700m. Largely dry towards the west coast, with a chance of sunny spells. All ranges dry by the afternoon with increasing chance of sunny spells, the best of these towards the west coast. Largely clear skies through the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% mainly in west at first, improving 80% in the afternoon. Extensive cloud cover at first about 700 to 800m, breaking up during the morning.

Visibility: Poor across the Trossachs and eastern Lochaber until early afternoon, whiteout conditions on high ground. Often good in the west. Becoming very good or excellent in the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	33/41 NE	26/33 NE	23/29 NE	18/23 NE	17/21 NE	16/20 NE	16/20 NE
900	23/29 NE	20/26 NE	18/24 NE	15/20 NE	15/19 NE	13/17 NE	12/16 NE
600	23/29 NE	19/24 NE	16/21 NE	14/18 NE	14/18 NE	12/15 NE	12/16 NE
300	12/18 N	9/13 N	8/12 N	8/12 N	6/8 N	5/7 N	6/9 N
Glen	7/16 NE	7/17 NE	8/16 NE	6/13 NE	6/12 NE	3/8 NE	3/7 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-11	-3/-10	-2/-9	-2/-9	-3/-9
900	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-7	-1/-7	-1/-7	-1/-7	-1/-6
600	1/-6	1/-5	1/-4	1/-4	2/-3	1/-3	1/-3
300	3/-1	2/-1	3/-0	3/0	2/-0	2/-0	2/-1
Glen	4/2	4/1	5/2	4/2	3/1	1/-0	2/1
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	800m	700m	700m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Difficult walking conditions with deep drifted snow at higher elevations making progress very arduous and time consuming. Winds easing on the tops but still bitterly cold with sleet showers and temperatures around freezing.

Forecast for Sunday 06 Dec 2020
Weather: Mainly dry with sunny spells.

Maximum wind: Light winds at all levels, Mainly northerly with average speeds on tops of only 10mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%. Only a few patches of cloud covering the tops.

Visibility: The air will have great clarity resulting in excellent visibility with fine panoramic views of more distant snow covered tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 4 Celsius rising briefly above freezing early in afternoon.
At 800m: Zero Celsius.
Freezing level: 800m

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